



Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2008 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

Technical Advisory Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.

Attendance

Technical Advisory Committee: Jane Fleig (COB Utilities), Emmanuel Nsonwu (INDOT), John Collisson (Monroe County Highways), Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), Lew May (Bloomington Transit), Gregg Zody (Monroe County Planning), Jim Ude (INDOT), Susan Clark (Bloomington Controller), John Carter (Monroe County Community School Corporation), Dave Williams (COB Parks), Tom Micuda (COB Planning), and Laura Haley (Bloomington GIS).

Others: Mark Kruzan (COB Mayor), Alisa Wood (COB Controller's Office), Josh Desmond (MPO Staff), Jane Weiser (COB Planning) and Raymond Hess (MPO Staff).

I. Call to Order (~1:35 p.m.) Jane Fleig called the meeting to order.

II. Election of Chair

Susan Clark nominated Adrian Reid for Chair. Tom Micuda seconded. Mr. Reid was unanimously elected to Chair.

III. Approval of Minutes

Tom Micuda motioned approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jane Fleig. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Communications from the Chair

Mr. Reid thanked the committee for his election to chair.

V. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. Updates on MPO related projects

Lew May reported that Entra Consultants have been hired to conduct the Transit Development Program (TDP) Update study. A community charette will be held on April 10, 2008 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Monroe County Public Library Auditorium. Key stakeholders will be interviewed; an onboard survey of passengers and an online survey will be used to gather information.

John Carter reported that the Batchelor Infrastructure Safe Routes to School Project has been submitted to INDOT. He is optimistic about approval.

Adrian Reid reported that the Henderson St. Safe Routes To School Project is in process with INDOT. It will be let next year for spring construction. There is a third addendum to the contract for the S. Rogers St. project from Watson north to Rockport Rd. that will add detention for stormwater quality requirements.

John Collisson reported the Smith and Rogers project will be let in June, the Vernal Pike Ph I project is nearly complete, and the 1st St. bridge is behind schedule due to utility complications.

VI. Reports from the MPO Staff

Josh Desmond stated that staff went to Purdue Road School.

VII. Old Business

A. Complete Streets Policy

Raymond Hess reported that staff took the policy to the CAC for their review. He asked for comments from the committee. Mr. Micuda noted that some communities opt to apply this policy to only certain corridors.

B. Unified Planning Work Program FY 2009-2010

Josh Desmond noted that the Work Program is for two years and has been submitted to INDOT. Any committee members or members of the public should make comments or direct their questions to the Planning Department. A revised Work Program should be available by the end of April for review by this committee and the CAC. Final adoption will be requested at the May 9 Policy Committee. Mr. Hess said that the Work Program was presented to the CAC. They would like to see the scope of the North Campus Area Feasibility Study include north/south connectivity as well as east/west corridors.

Emmanuel Nsonwu said that INDOT is reviewing the UPWP. Next week they will set up a conference call with Larry Heil to review INDOT's comments.

C. Transportation Improvement Program FY 2009-2012

Mr. Hess reviewed the project tables distributed at the last meeting of the TAC. No input has been received from the CAC yet. When presented next month it will be more refined and will be opened up for 30 days of public review and comment.

Ms. Fleig asked if anyone had any information on the 45/46 Bypass or SR 45 projects. Jim Ude said they have moved the SR 45 project to a Feb. 2009 letting. INDOT is waiting for comments from the City on the design. There are discrepancies between the reported and projected traffic volumes. The road could possibly be downgraded to fewer lanes and more transit and bike lanes. On the Bypass project, the current letting stands. The costs have risen in large part due to utilities. The Bypass project from Kinser to Monroe St. is being developed to let at the same time as the Bypass project. The Bypass project will cost 29 million dollars without the utilities. Mr. Hess noted the CAC has expressed concerns with the Bypass design.

VIII. New Business

There was no new business.

IX. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

Mr. Reid said he would like to know more about how information gathered through traffic counts and crash reports are used to determine future projects. Mr. Hess said they have been considering TIP prioritization and coming up with an official TIP procedures manual. Mr. Reid noted that the TIP has already been adopted but since then another road which has had 2 fatalities in the past few years is not even being considered.



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X. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Citizens Advisory Committee – April 23, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – April 25, 2008 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)
- C. Policy Committee – May 9, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~2:05pm)

*These minutes were _____ by the Technical Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on 4/25/08.
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